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The Honorable Sara Kyle, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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*RE: Docket No. 00-00544, Generic Docket to establish UNE prices
for line sharing per FCC 99-355, and riser cable and terminating
wire as ordered in TRA docket 98-00123.*

Sprint Motion to Hold in Abeyance

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed for filing in the above case are an original and thirteen copies of the United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. Motion to Hold in Abeyance. This motion is filed as a part of an agreement contained in a Joint Motion to Extend Authority Stay filed by United and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. which was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority at its December 2, 2002 Authority Conference.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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SARA KYLE, COMMISSIONER
TN PUBLIC SERVICE COMM.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Line Sharing UNE (Docket No. 00-00544)

The undersigned certifies that on December 6, 2002, the foregoing Motion to Hold in Abeyance was served upon the following parties of record by hand-delivery, by fax or by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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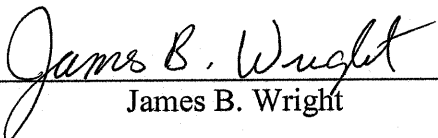
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**BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)	
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GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH)	
UNE PRICES FOR LINE SHARING)	DOCKET NO. 00-00544
PER FCC 99-355, AND RISER CABLE)	
AND TERMINATING WIRE AS)	
ORDERED IN TRA DOCKET 98-00123)	

**UNITED TELEPHONE – SOUTHEAST, INC.
MOTION TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE**

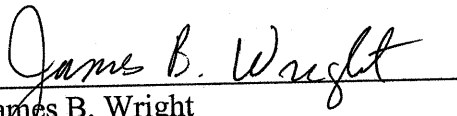
United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("Sprint") hereby files this motion asking the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to hold in abeyance the Motion to Suspend filed by Sprint on May 29, 2002 wherein Sprint asked the TRA suspend its First Initial Order in this case and its May 21, 2002 decision on Reconsideration and Clarification (jointly the "TRA Orders"). In support of this motion Sprint shows the following.

On November 22, 2002, Sprint and BellSouth filed a Joint Motion to Extend Authority Stay respecting dual purpose line cards ("Joint Motion to Extend"). The stay had been granted in the TRA Orders and was scheduled to expire December 26, 2002. During the pendency of the stay, the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a decision on May 24, 2002 ("Court Decision") that vacated the FCC's line sharing rules (Case No. 00-1012 entitled *United States Telecom Association, et al. FCC and Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies, et al*) and remanded the matter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). It is this Court Decision that gave rise to Sprint's Motion to Suspend this proceeding generally.

At the TRA December 2, 2002 Director's conference, the Directors approved the Joint Motion to Extend Authority Stay. Included in the motion was an agreement by Sprint that if the TRA approved the Joint Motion to Extend Authority Stay, Sprint would file a motion to hold its Motion to Suspend in abeyance until 60 days after the Federal Communications Commission acts on the remanded Court Decision. In accordance with said agreement and the TRA's agenda conference decision, Sprint files this motion to hold in abeyance its Motion to Suspend for the time period stated above.

For the reasons noted above, Sprint asks that the TRA grant this motion to hold in abeyance.

Respectfully Submitted,
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